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From: Commanding General

To:

Distribution List

Subj: HUNTING SEASON

Ref:

- (a) North Carolina Hunting and Trapping Regulations (NOTAL)
- (b) North Carolina General Statutes (NOTAL)
- (c) BO 1710.20P
- (d) Camp Lejeune Hunting and Fishing Map
- To publish dates for taking deer, bear, wild turkey, and other game species during the 2005-2006 hunting season and to announce changes to deer management strategies.

2. Mission

- Operational Force training/firing requirements have priority over all recreational activities. The opportunity to hunt aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune is based on the availability of training areas that are not required or scheduled by operating forces. Range Control will release these areas on a day-to-day basis to the Conservation Law Enforcement Office (CLEO). Open areas are subject to recall if an operational training requirement develops after their release.
- Bear Season. The individual bear hunting season is 14 November 2005 - 1 January 2006. Bear hunting is permitted only in Greater Sandy Run Areas SA - SW. Baiting for bears is prohibited per reference (a). Hunters are reminded that strict State and Federal regulations exist governing the use of bear and bear parts for commercial purposes. Taking of a cub bear (bear less than 50 pounds) or a female with cubs is prohibited.
- Bow and Arrow Season. The individual bow and arrow hunting season for either-sex deer is 10 September 2005- 7 October 2005. Either-sex deer may also be taken with bow and

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arrow from 8 October 2005 - 1 January 2006 in bow hunting only areas inclusive of AA, AB, AC, AD, Knox, BC (North of Douglas Road), CA, CB, CC, CHB (Courthouse Bay), DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, EA, EB, EC (East of Officer Pavilion), WTB (Rifle Range); and Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), New River Area 1, Area 3-D, and all Deer Management Unit (DMU) areas in accordance with reference (c).

- d. Muzzle Loading Firearms Season. The individual muzzle loading firearms season for either-sex deer is 8 October 2005 14 October 2005. Hunting with muzzle loading firearms is prohibited in all bow hunting areas identified in paragraph 2c above. Muzzleloaders will be permitted in the JA, JB, JC, JD, JE, RA, BC (South of Douglas Road), BD; and MCAS, New River Areas 2, New River Area 3-A, 3-B, 3-C and JP-1 during the muzzle loading firearms season. Muzzle loading firearms are the only weapons authorized to take deer during this season, except as noted in paragraph 2c above.
- e. <u>Gun Season</u>. The individual gun hunting season for deer is 15 October 2005 1 January 2006. Deer without antlers may be taken in all areas for the duration of this season. Male deer with visible antlers may also be taken during this season, except as identified in paragraph 2h below. Muzzle loading firearms are permitted in all gun hunting areas during the gun season. Bow and arrow is permitted in gun hunting areas in accordance with reference (c).
- f. <u>Bag Limits</u>. No more than three antlered deer per hunter may be taken during the entire hunting season. The season bag limit is six; three of which must be deer without antlers. The bag limits on bear, wild turkey, and species not specifically listed are advised per reference (a) and included in appropriate Federal regulations.
- g. <u>Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)</u>. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission sponsored DMAP program will not be used aboard Camp Lejeune and MCAS, New River for the 2005-2006 deer season.
- h. Quality Deer Management (QDM). A QDM program will continue during the 2005-2006 deer season for various areas aboard Camp Lejeune in an effort to improve the overall health and productivity of the resident deer herd. Hunters are encouraged to harvest deer without antlers to the extent

provided by state regulation and paragraph 2f above. The following areas will be under a QDM program: Bow-hunting only areas CA, CB, CC, CHB (Courthouse Bay), DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, EA, EB, DMU 1, DMU 2, DMU 2a, DMU 3, DMU 4, DMU 5, DMU 13, DMU 15, DMU 19, DMU 20; and Hunting areas HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HF, HG, HH, IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF, IG, JA, JB, JC, JD, and JE. QDM restrictions apply to areas listed above in this paragraph and are as follows:

- (1) Male deer must be branched antlered (both beams) and possess a minimum of five total antler points.
- (2) Antler points are considered legal for counting when they are 1" in length measured from the line of the main beam. Additional areas may be brought into or dropped from the QDM program as appropriate management necessitates.
- i. Deer Management Units (DMU). DMUs have been established as a means to increase deer harvests within areas prone to deerhuman conflicts. Hunting within DMUs is contingent upon successful completion of a shooting proficiency test. Shooting test dates will be posted at Bldg PT-3 and MCAS, New River Bldg CG-1 a week in advance of the test date. The DMUs, as reflected in reference (d), will be managed as follows: DMUs 1, 2, 2a, 3, 4, 4b, 5, 13, 14, 15, 19, and 20 will be open to individual bow hunting as posted at the hunter check station, Bldg PT-3; DMUs 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 will be open to individual bow hunting as posted at the MCAS hunter check station, Bldg CG-1; DMU 4a will be reserved for coordinated bow hunting events as scheduled by the Base Wildlife Manager.
- j. Deer Management Unit (DMU) Changes. During the 2005-2006 hunting season and beginning with the individual bow and arrow hunting season, which starts 10 September 2005, DMUs 12 and 20 will be in operation. DMU 20 is described as those portions of bow hunting only areas DE and DF that lie to the south and west of the Birch Street extension. DMU 12 is located at MCAS, New River and is described as the forested block that lies between Officer Housing and the New River Marina. Maps of these areas will be posted at the respective hunter check stations.
- k. The SV training area (Camp Davis) will be open to individual hunting during all seasons as provided in paragraphs 2b through 2e above. Parking on and hunting from the taxiways

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and the primary airstrip surface of the north and south runway is prohibited.

- 1. During the 2005-2006 hunting season and beginning with the muzzle loading firearms season, which starts on 8 October 2005, MCAS, New River Hunting Area 3, BC training area south of Douglas Road and the BD training area will be managed as gun hunting areas. Hunting with bow and arrow will be permitted during the bow and arrow season and as provided by reference (c). Contact the MCAS CLEO for a breakdown of MCAS New River Hunting areas.
- m. During the 2005-2006 hunting season and beginning with the dove hunting season which starts on or about 1 September, 2005, hunting for small game and migratory birds will be permitted in the DB training area per reference (c). MCAS, New River Hunting Area 3-A, 3-B, and 3-C will be open for small game hunting. Contact the MCAS CLEO for a breakdown of MCAS New River Hunting areas and specific guidelines for small game hunting around the airfield environment.
- n. In bow hunting only areas, bow hunters must maintain a minimum distance of 100 yards from built-up or occupied areas. This applies to the following bow only areas: AA, AB, AC, AD, Knox, BC (North of Douglas Road), CA, CB, CC, CHB (Courthouse Bay), DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, EA, EB, EC, WTB (Rifle Range), all Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) areas, and all Deer Management Units. Minimum distance requirements in all other areas are per reference (c).
- O. Waterfowl Hunting Changes. All waterfowl hunting aboard Camp Lejeune will be prohibited on Wednesdays, irrespective of holiday schedules. Hunting waterfowl on Sundays is restricted to internal waters only of Camp Lejeune. Internal waters are non-tidal, non-navigable, non-North Carolina waters. For waterfowl hunting purposes, waters below the high-tide line are considered both external waters and waters of the State of North Carolina. Waterfowl hunting on waters of North Carolina is closed on Sundays.
- p. <u>Dove Hunting</u>. Dove hunters are required to police their own spent shells within managed dove fields or when hunting from adjacent secondary roads.

- q. <u>Baiting</u>. Baiting of deer will be allowed per reference (a) on a trial basis in those bow hunting only areas described in paragraph 2c above. Baiting is prohibited in all other areas. No deer decoys or game feeders of any kind may be used. Any bait site that is established for the purpose of attracting game shall not have exclusive use rights. The provisions of enclosure (1), paragraph 2p(2) of reference (c) apply to the practice of hunting over bait. Continuing conflicts between hunters over bait locations will result in termination of the practice at the discretion of the Chief Conservation Law Enforcement Officer. The practice of baiting will be permanently stopped after the current deer season if antler less harvest does not exceed antlered harvest in ALL bow hunting only areas.
- r. <u>Trapping</u>. Trappers authorized to trap fur bearing animals on Camp Lejeune may use a .22 caliber pistol loaded with .22 cal short, .22 caliber Flobert style BB cap rounds, or .22 caliber Flobert style CB cap ammunition only.
- s. Wild Turkey Season. The season for hunting wild turkey is 8 April-6 May 2006. Only bearded turkeys may be harvested during this season.

3. Execution

- a. The Conservation Law Enforcement Office (CLEO) will maintain a hunter check station at Bldg PT-4 or PT-3, Parachute Tower Road and at the northern entrance to Verona Loop just off US Hwy-17, Bldg VL-1. All hunting check in/out activities for MCAS, New River will be conducted at the MCAS, New River CLEO and Building CG-1 on Robert Wilson Boulevard. Hunters checking out for the BC area north of Southwest Creek and MCAS, New River areas will check out with the MCAS, New River CLEO. Hunters checking out for the BC area south of Southwest Creek, the BD area, Verona, and Greater Sandy Run Areas will check out with the Base CLEO at the northern entrance to Verona Loop, Bldg VL-1. All other hunter check activities will run through the PT-4/PT-3 location.
- b. Upon killing a deer, bear, or wild turkey and before moving the animal from the site of kill, the hunter taking the animal must validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card furnished with the purchase of a big game license by cutting or punching

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out the validation box that correctly identifies the big game animal harvested. All harvested games shall be taken to the Base CLEO, Air Station CLEO, or Assistant Hunt master if on organized hunts, which will provide a North Carolina Wildlife Cooperator Agent authorization number. The record entered on the Big Game Harvest Report Card shall thereafter constitute authorization for continued possession of the harvested animal. Possession of a harvested deer, turkey, or bear without a validated Big Game Harvest Report Card including the Wildlife Cooperator Agent authorization number will be unlawful.

- c. All participants are required to comply with the references and with all regulations provided in paragraph 2.
- 4. Administration and Logistics. Not applicable.
- 5. Command and Signal
 - a. Signal. This Bulletin effective date signed.
 - b. Command
- (1) This Bulletin is applicable to Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune and MCAS, New River.
- (2) <u>Cancellation Contingency</u>. This Bulletin will remain in effect until promulgation of a revised Bulletin.

Chief of Staff

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